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Dear Garrison,

S. J. May sent me, a few days ago, the letter he wrote for publicⁿ. in the "Standard", - wh. was refused by Powell; - also, Powell's letter, excusing himself - I wrote to ask S. J. if he w^d. allow me to show them to you. In his reply, just rec^d., he says, "I wish you w^d. show to Mr. Garrison & Richard D. Webb my letter to Powell and his answer." I accordingly enclose them, and you may hand them back to me next week; ~~surely~~ as I dare say he w^d. like to have them again. - I wrote him that I thought he had a right to insist - if not on the pubⁿ. of a letter of that length - still, that Powell should insert a brief letter, saying that, inasmuch as ~~the May~~ he, S. J. M., had been by name claimed as upholding the Standard, during the period covered by the St^d's. [abominable] attack upon the 3 F. J. Trustees, & by its [still more abominable] refusal to allow me a hearing in reply, he ~~claimed the opportunity~~ ^{must} to say in its columns how entirely he disapproved, &c. &c.; I not undertaking, of course, to put any words into his lips, (& not using half as many as I have above,) but simply pointing out the point wh. I thought, & still think, he owes it to himself to

make, since the "Standard" had so ostentatiously
claimed him as ^{one of its chief} ~~an~~ endorsers. And this I did,
because, as you will observe in his pencilled lines,
he asks my opinion as to whether he had better publish
his letter to Powell, elsewhere.

My reply to that query was - I thought he had
better not. It would be proclaiming our differences, needlessly,
before an audience, mostly strangers to the case; and
it w^d. not be reaching those whom it was particularly
& essentially needful he sh^d. reach. So I ~~used~~ advised
his insisting that Powell sh^d. give him a brief space, in
wh. he c^d. set himself "rectus in curia", - I added,
if a request so fair & so legitimate were refused, he
"did not need me to tell him what was the character of
" ~~such~~ such a paper, or of what value it was to the cause
" of truth & justice".

In his reply he says. "While in New York,
I will see A. M. Powell, & in some way exonerate
myself from the Standard".

He is to preach in N.Y.C. next Sunday, 31st also Sunday
June 7. He may possibly go to Longwood, but doubts if he shall be able to
spare the time. If R. D. W. stops in N.Y.C. some day, he will hear of S. J. M. at
303 Broadway, upstairs, "Goddard & Brother". - I hope to be in Boston Monday,
- & maybe this renewed rain will drive me there tomorrow eveg. - Where will
R. D. W. be Sat. eveg. & Sunday? My love to him. Yrs. S. May Jr